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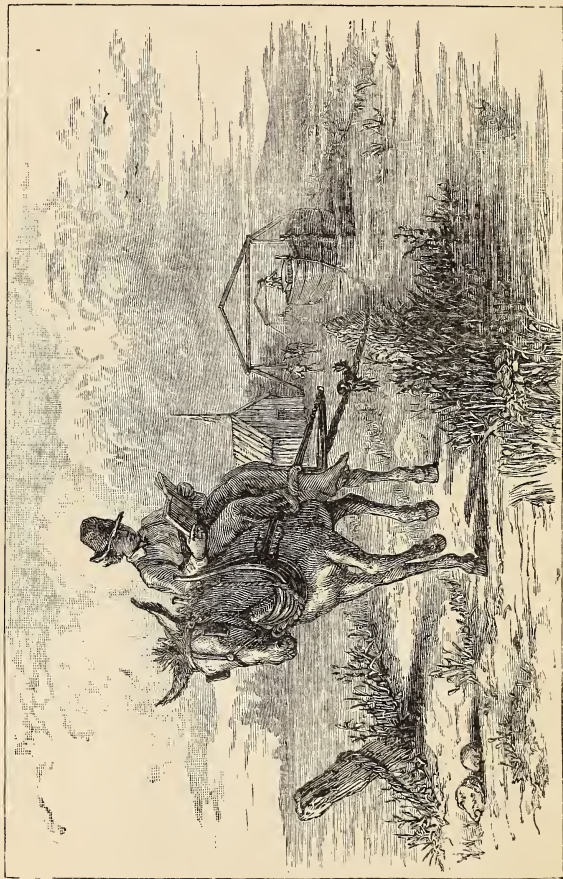


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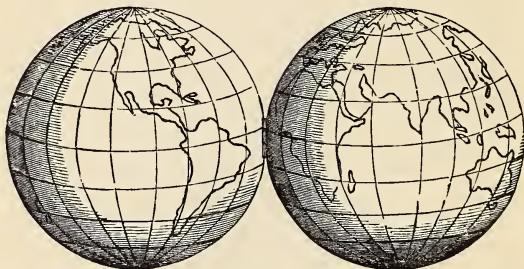


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# PREFACE.

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THE plan of this little work is such, that the subject is presented in the most simple form.

It treats of GENERAL FEATURES, such as the locality and description of Continents, Countries, States, Rivers, Mountains, &c., without dwelling prematurely upon details which embarrass the learner in his first effort.

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In the Beginning



God Created the Heaven and the Earth.



# FIRST LESSONS IN GEOGRAPHY.

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## LESSON I.

THIS is a picture of the WORLD or EARTH upon which we live. It is a GREAT BALL. The part you see is the outside or SURFACE, and is either land or water.

The parts of this picture which appear smooth and light represent the WATER; the rough and dark parts, the LAND; and you may know that on the Earth's surface, there is MORE WATER than land.

Look at the picture, and you will observe ships sailing on the water. That great body of water is called an OCEAN, and ships can sail on any part of it, and in any direction. The spots you see in the Ocean are portions of land, called ISLANDS, because there is water all around them.

If you look at the land, on this picture, you will notice black, rough places in it: these are the highest



part of the land, and are called MOUNTAINS. The low places between the mountains are called VALLEYS.

On the land, you will see white places; these represent LAKES, which are bodies of water surrounded by the land; and RIVERS, which are streams of water flowing through the land.

The land is higher than the rivers, and the rivers are higher than the ocean; therefore, the rain that falls on the land runs into the rivers, and the rivers flow toward the ocean.

There are FIVE OCEANS on the Earth, named the PACIFIC, ATLANTIC, INDIAN, NORTHERN or ARCTIC, and SOUTHERN or ANTARCTIC. The largest is the Pacific or mild Ocean, which is the one you see before you in the picture.

The water shown at the upper part of the picture is the Northern or Arctic Ocean, and that at the lower part, the Southern or Antarctic.

There are two oceans on the side of the Earth not shown in the picture; they are the Atlantic Ocean, and the Indian Ocean.

Ships sail on all these oceans, as you see them here on the Pacific—just as flies travel around an orange. A fly travels on the outside or SURFACE of an orange; people and ships move on the SURFACE



of the Earth. The fields, hills, roads, rivers, and ponds, are parts of the Earth's SURFACE.

Look again at the picture, and you will see land all along the right hand side, stretching from the upper part of the picture almost to the lower, or from the NORTH to the SOUTH. That land is AMERICA. At the middle, or CENTER, the land is very narrow, and because it is a narrow neck of land it is called an ISTHMUS. The land from this isthmus toward the north is NORTH AMERICA, and that from the isthmus toward the south is SOUTH AMERICA. North America and South America are joined to each other by the ISTHMUS OF DARIEN or PANAMA.

Point to North America,—to South America.

On the right hand side of this picture or illustration you may observe a steamship sailing on the Atlantic Ocean. That is but a small part of the Atlantic. From what land does the steamship appear to be sailing? To what land is it sailing? Is it sailing north, or south?

The land which you see on the left hand side of this picture is a part of Asia. The other part of Asia is on the side of the earth opposite that which is here represented; also Europe and Africa. North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa are GRAND DIVISIONS of the land on the Earth.



## ABOUT DAY AND NIGHT.

The right hand side of the picture appears light, and the left hand side, dark. That is because the Sun is represented to be shining on the right hand side, where it is DAY; the opposite side being in the shade, has NIGHT.

On the picture, in North and South America, it is day; in Asia, it is night. To cause day in Asia, the Earth must turn around so as to bring Asia toward the Sun. Now, any little boy or girl can tell whether America will have day or night, when Asia has day.

The side of the Earth which is toward the Sun has day, and the opposite side has night; therefore, as the Earth turns around, or whirls like a top, every place will have day, then night, then day again, and so on continually. The Sun shines on one half of the Earth at a time. If the Earth did not whirl about, it would be day continually on the side toward the Sun, and continual night in all countries on the opposite side.

As God caused the Sun to shine upon the Earth to give day, what change would take place with day and night, if He should cause the Sun to cease shining?

Look again at the picture, and you will notice the Sun shining on one side of the Earth, and the Moon shining on the opposite side, where it is night. The



world is at that time between the Sun and Moon, which is always the case when you see the Moon full and bright. The STARS you see at night are large shining bodies like the Sun, but appear smaller than the Moon or the Sun, because they are much further from us. The Earth is larger than the Moon, and the Sun is much larger than the Earth. The Moon is nearer to us than the Sun.

On the picture you see CLOUDS. Very few little children know what clouds are, and how rain comes from them. So a few words will be here said about them. You have all seen rising from boiling water, something that appears like smoke. It is not smoke, but VAPOR, to which the water is changed by the heat ; and if you would hold a cold basin over that vapor, you would see the vapor turn again to water. In the same way, heat causes vapor to rise from the ocean, lakes, rivers, ponds, etc., and float in the air, until it meets cold air, when it is changed back to water, and returns in the form of drops, and is called RAIN.

So the VAPOR rises from the water ; and, while in the form of clouds, the wind blows it over the dry ground, until it is turned into drops, when it comes down to water the grain, the grass, and the flowers ; which, by their bright looks and sweet odors, express their joy and thankfulness to God, who alone can do such wonders.



## LESSON VI.



THE EARTH'S SURFACE, SHOWING PARTS OF THE EASTERN AND WESTERN CONTINENTS WITH THE ATLANTIC OCEAN BETWEEN THEM. The Earth is round; therefore the first part of a distant ship which we can see as it approaches us is the top of its mast; next, its sails, and last of all, the ship itself.

What is Geography?

A description of the Earth's surface.

What is the Earth?

The planet or body on which we live.

What is the shape of the Earth?

Round, like a ball.

Of what is the Earth's surface composed?

Land and water.

What is a Continent?

The largest division of the land.

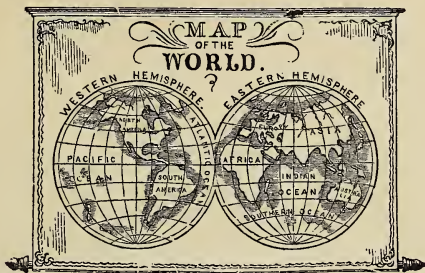
How many Continents are there?

Two; the Eastern and the Western.

On which Continent do we live?

On the Western Continent.





What are the divisions of the Western Continent ?

North America and South America.

What are the divisions of the Eastern Continent ?

Europe, Asia, and Africa.

What is an Ocean ?

The largest division of the water.

How many Oceans are there ?

Five ; Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern or Antarctic, Northern or Arctic.

Which is the largest Ocean ?

The Pacific Ocean.

What is an Island ?

A portion of land *entirely* surrounded by water.

What is a Peninsula ?

A portion of land *almost* surrounded by water.

What is a Lake ?

A body of water *almost* surrounded by land.



What is an Isthmus?

A neck joining two larger portions of land.

What is a Strait?

A passage connecting two larger bodies of water.

What is a Cape?

A point of land extending into the water.

What is a Mountain?

A vast elevation of land.

What is a Hill?

A small elevation of land.

What is a Volcano?

A mountain which sends out fire, smoke, and lava.

What is a Valley?

The low land between hills or mountains.

What is a Plain?

A level tract of land.

What is a Desert?

A barren region of country.

What is a Sea?

The division of water next in size to an ocean.

What is a Gulf or Bay?

A body of water extending into the land.

What is a River?

A stream of water flowing through the land.

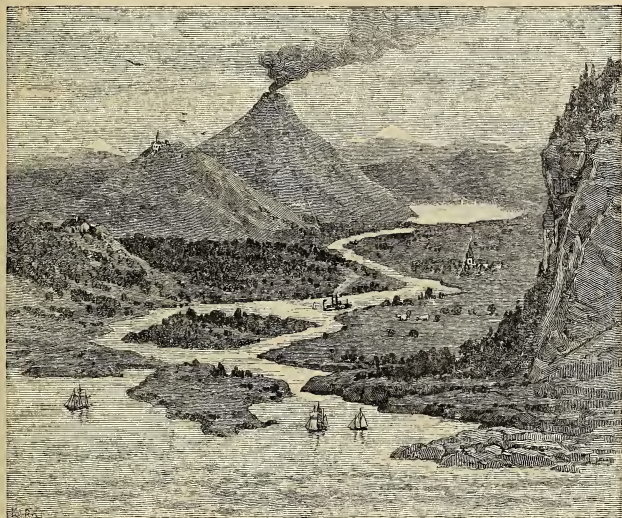
By what are Rivers formed?

By Springs.

What is a Cataract or Waterfall?

Water flowing over a precipice.

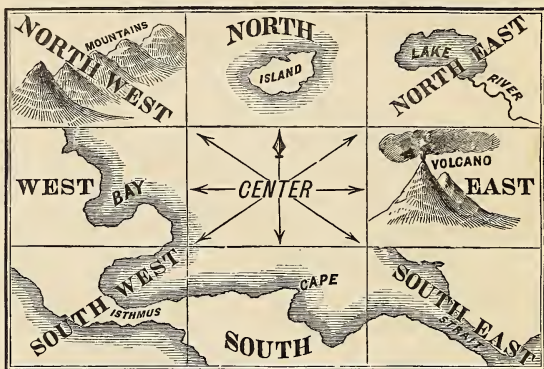




The pupils will, upon this illustration, point out the different divisions of land and water.

Point to a MOUNTAIN. Why? *Ans.* Because it is a vast elevation of land. Point to a VOLCANO. Why? *Ans.* Because it is a Mountain which sends out fire, smoke, and lava. Point out the following, and give the reason:—A HILL—VALLEY—ISLAND—PENINSULA—LAKE—ISTHMUS—STRAIT—CAPE—PLAIN—BAY—RIVER. In which of these do you see a church? Show which house stands on a hill—on a mountain. On which division are the cattle grazing?





What is a Map?

A picture of the whole, or a part, of the Earth's Surface.

What are the directions on a Map?

Toward the top, North; toward the bottom, South; to the right, East; to the left, West.

In what direction from the center of the picture is the Island?  
North.

In what direction is the volcano? The Cape?

The Bay? The Lake? The Strait? The Mountains?

The Isthmus?

What is in the East? In the West? In the South? In the North? In the Northwest? In the Southeast? In the Northeast? In the Southwest?





Here is shown a part of a RIVER with a sail-boat on it. A man is sitting in the stern of the boat, and, by means of the helm or rudder, he steers it in any direction. The forward part of a boat is called the bow. A sloop has one mast; a schooner, two.

On the BANK or edge of this river is a windmill, with its long arms spread, which, being broad and light, are blown by the wind round and round, like a great wheel. In the mill are two large flat stones, one of which is moved against the other, face to face, by the arms; so that whatever the miller places between the stones is ground fine like flour.

Corn when ripe and dry is ground into Indian meal or corn meal; oats when ground we call oat meal; wheat or rye ground, is flour. Tell how corn is planted, and when it ripens.



## WESTERN HEMISPHERE.





## LESSON XII.

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In what Division of the Earth do we live?

In North America.

What Division south of North America?

South America.

When you look at the rising Sun, what Ocean is before you?

The Atlantic Ocean.

Where does the Sun rise?

In the East.

Where, then, is the Atlantic Ocean?

East of America.

When you look at the setting Sun, what Ocean is before you?

The Pacific Ocean.

Where does the Sun set?

In the West.

Where is the Pacific Ocean?

West of America.

What Ocean north of America?

The Northern Ocean.

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## LESSON XIII.

What Strait connects the Pacific Ocean with the Northern Ocean?

What Ocean south of America?

What Isthmus joins South America to North America?

Which is the most northern Country of North America?

What Bay west of Greenland?

What Mountains in N. America?

What Mountains in S. America?

Do you live in North America or in South America?

What Ocean east of America?

What Ocean west of America?

Where is the Northern Ocean?

Where is the Southern Ocean?

In what Ocean are the Sandwich Islands? The Cape Verd Islands?

Mention the principal products of North America,—of South America.



# EASTERN HEMISPHERE.





## LESSON XIV.

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What are the Divisions of the Eastern Continent?

Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Which is the largest? Asia.

Which is the smallest? Europe.

Which is furthest to the right, or east? Asia.

Which is furthest south? Africa.

What Ocean east of Asia? Pacific Ocean.

What Ocean south of Asia? Indian Ocean.

What Ocean west of Africa? Atlantic Ocean.

What Sea south of Europe? Mediterranean Sea.

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## LESSON XV.

What Seas southeast of Europe?

What Sea northeast of Asia?

What Desert in Africa?

What Country in the southeast of Asia?

What Country in the southwest of Asia?

What Islands in the west of Europe?

Which is the largest Island in the World? *Australia.*

What Oceans do you find on the Eastern Hemisphere?

What Division between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans?

What Division west of Asia?

What Division south of Europe?

Between what Divisions is the Mediterranean Sea? Red Sea?

Where is Cape of Good Hope?

What do we get from Asia? Africa? Europe?







## LESSON XVI.

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What three Oceans around  
North America?

Arctic, Atlantic, and Pa-  
cific.

What Country furthest north?  
Greenland.

What Country furthest south?  
Central America.

In what Country do we live?  
In the United States.

What Country north of the  
United States?

British America.

What Country south of the  
United States?

Mexico.

What Territory in the north-  
western part of N. America?

Alaska.

What Peninsula in the south?  
Yucatan.

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## LESSON XVII.

Between what two Oceans is the  
United States?

What Bay west of Greenland?

What Bay in British America?

What large Gulf south of the  
United States?

What large Sea southeast of  
North America?

What Mountains in North  
America?

What Isthmus south of North  
America?

Name the Countries of North  
America, and their products.

Which are the largest two Coun-  
tries of North America?

Between what two Countries is  
the United States?

In what Country is Hudson  
Bay?

Between what two Countries is  
Baffin Bay?

What large Island southeast of  
the United States.

Where is Cape Farewell?



## LESSON XVIII.

## NORTH AMERICA.



AN INDIAN VILLAGE.

By whom was America discovered?

By Columbus; in the year 1492.

What kind of People did he find here?

Dark-colored Savages.

What did Columbus name them?  
Indians.

After whom was America named?

A man named Americus, or Amerigo.

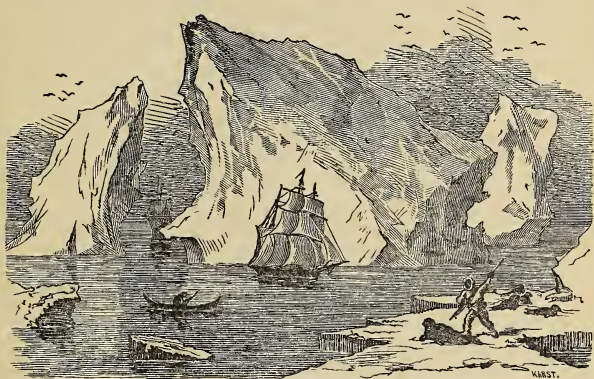
What can you say of the Northern part of N. America?

It is very cold.

What of the Southern part of N. America?

It is very warm.





ICEBERGS NEAR GREENLAND.

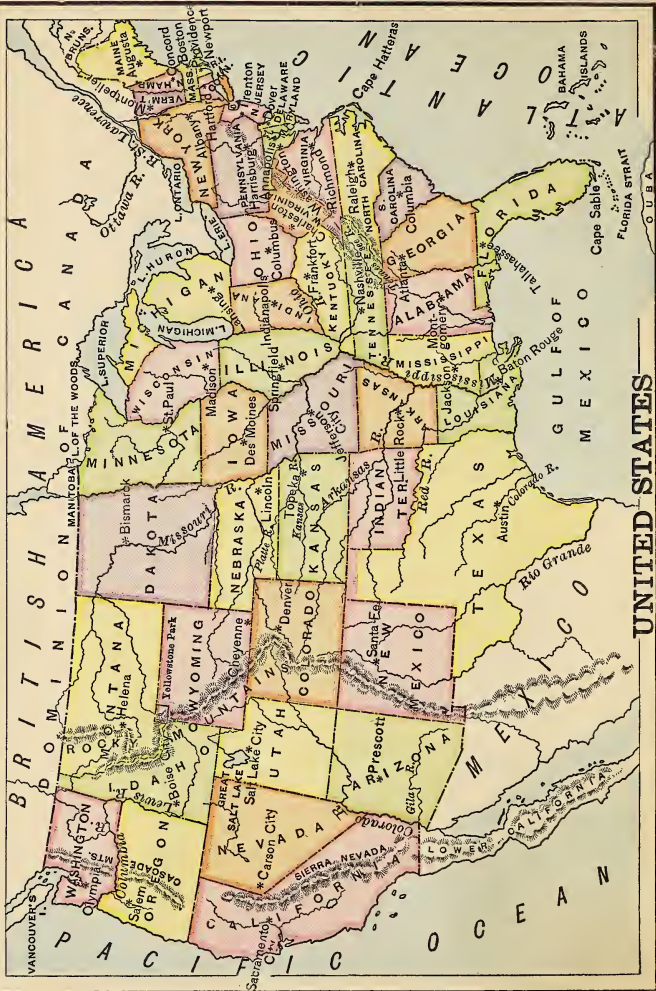
This picture represents icebergs, and ships near them. Icebergs are great bodies of solid ice, reaching much higher than the masts of a ship, and extending downward to a great distance below the surface of the water. They will float in the water, and every year some ships are wrecked by coming in contact with them.

Icebergs are most numerous in the Arctic Ocean.

Men have sailed through Baffin Bay, as far north as the ship you see in the map.

The names of those men who have become famous for their adventures in the frozen regions north of North America, are Sir John Franklin, Dr. Kane, Dr. Hayes, Captain Hall, and Captain De Long.







## LESSON XX.

What is this Country called?

The United States, or the Union.

How many States are there? 38.

How are they divided?

Into Eastern, Middle, Western,  
and Southern States.

Which is the largest State?

Texas.

Which is the smallest State?

Rhode Island.

Which is furthest south?

Florida.

Which is furthest northeast? Maine.

What States border on the Pacific Ocean?

California and Oregon.

What State in the north is almost surrounded  
by Lakes?

Michigan.

Which is the largest of those Lakes?

Lake Superior.

## LESSON XXI.

What large River flows south into the Gulf  
of Mexico?

What large Rivers flow into the Mississippi?

Which is the largest of those Rivers?

What Rivers flow into the Missouri River?

Into what does the Ohio River flow?

What River between Texas and Mexico?

What Mountains extend through the Western  
part of the United States?

What Mountains nearer the Pacific Coast?

What Ocean east of the United States? West?

What Country north?

What Country and Gulf south?

In what State do you live?

What States surround your State?

Mention the great Lakes.

Where is Lake Superior?

What Lake in Utah? North of Minnesota?



## LESSON XXII.

What State is furthest northeast? South?  
West?

Between what Ocean and Gulf is Florida?

What three States touch Lake Superior?

What four States touch Lake Michigan?

What four States touch Lake Erie?

What States border on the Pacific Ocean?

What States border on the Gulf of Mexico?

What States border on the Atlantic Ocean?

What States on the east side of Mississippi  
River?

What States on the west side?

What three States on the north side of the  
Ohio River?

What two on the south side?

Through what State and Territories do the  
Rocky Mountains extend?

## LESSON XXIII.

What Country east of Maine?

What Dominion north of New York? *Canada.*

What three States east of New York?

What two south?

What State and lake north of Ohio?

What River south? State east? West?

What State north of Iowa? South?

What State north of Virginia?

What State south? West? Northwest?

What State north of Louisiana?

What State east? West?

What States north of Kentucky?

What State west? East? Northeast? South?

What Cape east of North Carolina?

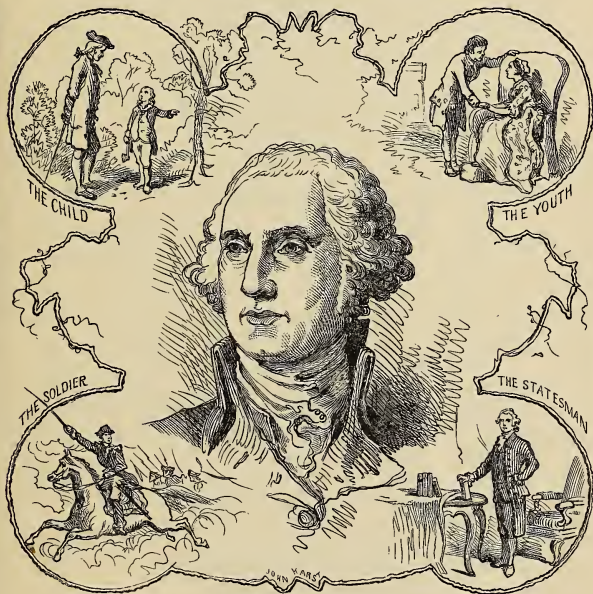
What Cape south of Florida?

What large Island south of Florida?

What Strait between Florida and Cuba?



THE UNITED STATES.



GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Who governed this country about 110 years ago?

The king of England.

How did the Americans obtain their freedom?

By a war which lasted nearly eight years.

What great man led the American army?

George Washington, who became the first President of the United States.







# LESSON XXVII.

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## SOUTHERN STATES.

States,	Capitals.		Situation.
MARYLAND,	Annapolis,	on the	<i>Severn River.</i>
VIRGINIA,	Richmond,	on the	<i>James,</i>
NORTH CAROLINA,	Raleigh,	near the	<i>Neuse.</i>
SOUTH CAROLINA,	Columbia,	on the	<i>Congaree.</i>
GEORGIA,	Atlanta,	near the	<i>Chattahoochee.</i>
FLORIDA,	Tallahassee,		<i>Inland.</i>
ALABAMA,	Montgomery,	on the	<i>Alabama.</i>
MISSISSIPPI,	Jackson,	on the	<i>Pearl.</i>
LOUISIANA,	Baton Rouge,	on the	<i>Mississippi.</i>
TEXAS,	Austin,	on the	<i>Colorado.</i>
WEST VIRGINIA,*	Charleston,	on the	<i>Kanawha.</i>

# LESSON XXVIII.

## WESTERN STATES.

States.	Capitals.		Situation.
ARKANSAS,	Little Rock,	on the	<i>Arkansas River.</i>
TENNESSEE,	Nashville,	on the	<i>Cumberland.</i>
KENTUCKY,	Frankfort,	on the	<i>Kentucky.</i>
OHIO,	Columbus,	on the	<i>Scioto.</i>
MICHIGAN,	Lansing,	on the	<i>Grand.</i>
INDIANA,	Indianapolis,	on the	<i>W. Fork of White R</i>
ILLINOIS (oy),	Springfield,	near the	<i>Sangamon.</i>
WISCONSIN,	Madison,	on	<i>Fourth Lake.</i>
IOWA,	Des Moines,	on the	<i>Des Moines.</i>
MISSOURI,	Jefferson City,	on the	<i>Missouri.</i>
CALIFORNIA,	Sacramento,	on the	<i>Sacramento.</i>
MINNESOTA,	St. Paul,	on the	<i>Mississippi.</i>
OREGON,	Salem,	on the	<i>Willamette.</i>
KANSAS,	Topeka,	on the	<i>Kansas River.</i>
NEVADA,	Carson City,	on the	<i>Carson River.</i>
NEBRASKA,	Lincoln,	on	<i>Salt Creek.</i>
COLORADO,	Denver,	on	<i>Cherry Creek.</i>

NOTE.—The capital of a state or a country is the city in which its laws are made.





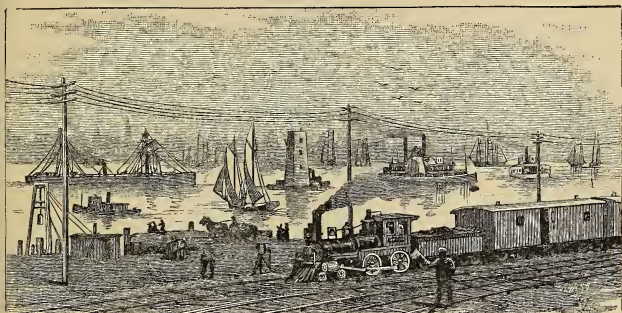
More than 200 years ago, this country, now called the United States, was a wilderness, inhabited by Indians, who subsisted upon fish, and the flesh of wild animals which they killed in hunting, and who lived in huts made of bark and the skins of animals.

No cities were built until the country was settled by white men, who came from Europe ; and, probably, where your house now stands, Indians once chased the buffalo, bear, or some other wild animal.

Many of the white settlers of this country suffered great cruelties from the Indians, who burned their houses and murdered men, women, and children, as you see in the picture. The Indians now live mostly in the Territories.

The first inhabitants of a place are called settlers, or colonists.





The people of the United States are famous for perseverance and inventive genius. A few years ago, people rode in stage-coaches over rough and hilly roads; but now they travel by steamboat or railroad.

A STEAMBOAT is moved along by the two large wheels revolving in the water. The wheels are moved by STEAM, which rises from boiling water. Traveling by steamboat began about sixty years ago; and by railroad, about forty years ago.

A STEAMSHIP differs from a Steamboat in having sails besides the steam power. A SAILING VESSEL is moved by the wind blowing against the sails.

The TELEGRAPH you see in the picture is a long iron wire supported by tall poles. At each end of the wire there is an instrument, by which men send messages with lightning velocity. The telegraph was invented by Prof. Morse, about thirty years ago.







How many Eastern or New England States are there? *Six.*

What two States north of Massachusetts?

New Hampshire and Vermont.

What two States south of Massachusetts?

Connecticut and Rhode Island.

What State west?  
New York.

What large River between Vermont and New Hampshire?  
Connecticut River.

Through what States does it flow?

Massachusetts and Connecticut.

What Rivers in Maine?

Kennebec and Penobscot.

What River in New Hampshire?  
Merrimac River.

# LESSON XXXII.

Which of the Eastern States touch the Atlantic Ocean?

Which touch New York?

What Lake between Vermont and New York?

What Country north of the Eastern States?

What Country east of Maine?

What large Island south of Connecticut?

What water between Connecticut and Long Island?

Name the Eastern States.

Which is the largest?

Which is the smallest?

Where are the Green Mountains?

Where are the White Mountains?

What large River flows into Long Island Sound?

What Cape in the eastern part of Massachusetts?

What three Rivers flow into the Atlantic Ocean?





MANY VESSELS ARE ENGAGED IN FISHING OFF THE COASTS OF NEW ENGLAND AND NEWFOUNDLAND.

What are these six States called?

New England.

Who first came to New England?

People from England, called Puritans, also Pilgrims.

In what does Massachusetts excel every other State?

In the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods, and of boots and shoes.

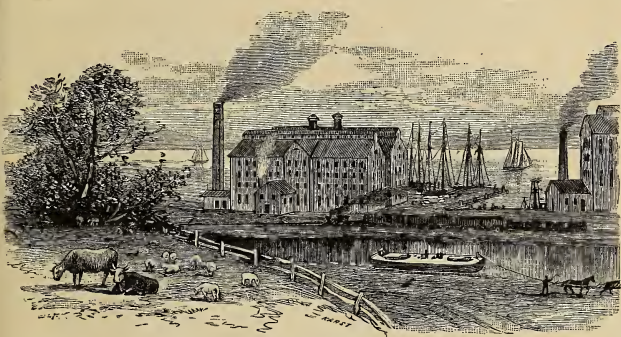
Where was the first cotton-mill in the United States built?

In Rhode Island.

For what is Connecticut noted?

For the manufacture of woolen and cotton goods, iron and wooden wares, clocks and buttons.





This is a view of a canal and a manufactory. In the foreground are sheep and cattle, which are raised in Vermont in large numbers.

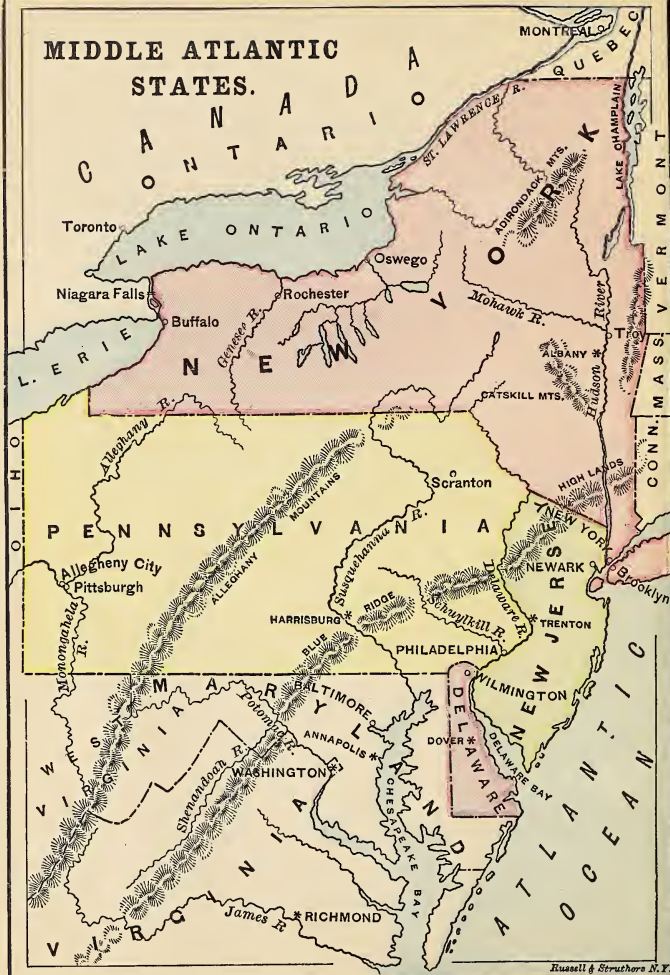
COTTON is a soft, white substance obtained from the cotton-plant, which grows in the Southern States. It is brought in bales to the manufactories of the Eastern States; where, by means of machinery, it is drawn out and twisted into threads, and then it is woven into cloth. It can be dyed or printed in colors. Muslins and calicoes for ladies' dresses are made of cotton.

WOOL grows upon sheep, and is cut in warm weather. It is made into threads by spinning, then woven. Blankets and winter clothing are made of wool. So, cotton is obtained from a plant; wool, from an animal.

A CANAL is like a great ditch filled with water, so that boats may be drawn along by horses or mules which walk on a TOW-PATH at the side of the canal.



# MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES.





## LESSON XXXV.

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How many Middle States are there? *Four.*

Which is the largest?  
New York.

Which is next in size?  
Pennsylvania.

Which is next?  
New Jersey.

Which is the smallest?  
Delaware.

What Country north of New York?

Canada.

What two Lakes on the West?  
Ontario and Erie.

What large River in the eastern part of New York?  
Hudson River.

What large River in the western part of New York?  
Genesee River.

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## LESSON XXXVI.

What River between Pennsylvania and New Jersey?

What large River flows through the eastern part of Pennsylvania?

What two Rivers meet in the western part?

What large River flows northeast from Lake Ontario?

What Mountains in Pennsylvania?

What Mountains in New York?

What Bay between New Jersey and Delaware?

Name the Middle States.

What States south of New York?

What States east of New York?

Where is Lake Erie?

Where is Lake Ontario?

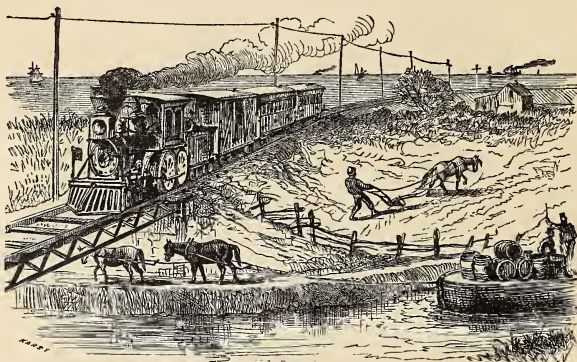
Where is the Hudson River?

Where is the St. Lawrence?

Into what Lake does the Genesee River flow?

What Lake northeast of New York?





A TRAIN OF CARS.—A CANAL.

For what are the Middle States noted?

For Canals and Railroads.

What can you say of New York?

It has more inhabitants than any other State.

For what is Pennsylvania celebrated?

For Coal and Iron.

What does New Jersey produce?

Fine fruits and vegetables.

What does Delaware produce?

Excellent wheat, Indian corn and peaches.

What does the word Pennsylvania mean?

Penn's Woods.





WILLIAM PENN, a Quaker, came from England to this country, about two hundred years ago, with many other Quakers, and formed a colony or settlement in Pennsylvania.

Penn was very wise and kind in his dealings with the Indians, and paid them for all the land which his people occupied; consequently, the Indians respected and loved the Quakers very much; and Pennsylvania was the only American colony formed without bloodshed. It has now more inhabitants than any other State in the Union, except New York.

On the left of the picture are Indian women called SQUAWS, carrying their PAPPOUSES, or babies, which hang on their backs like soldiers' knapsacks.







## LESSON XXXIX.

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How many Southern States are there? *Eleven.*

Which is the largest?  
Texas.

Which is furthest south?  
Florida.

What division of land is Florida?  
A Peninsula.

What Island south of Florida?  
Cuba.

What States north of Florida?  
Georgia and Alabama.

What Bay east of Virginia?  
Chesapeake Bay.

What River flows through the northern part of Alabama?

Tennessee River.

Into what River does the Tennessee flow?

Into the Ohio River.

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## LESSON XL.

What River between South Carolina and Georgia?

Into what Ocean and Gulf do the Rivers of the Southern States flow?

In what Mountains do most of them rise?

What three ranges of Mountains on this map?

Which are the most mountainous of the Southern States?

What two Western States be-

tween the Southern States and the Ohio River?

Name the Southern States.

Which of them touch the Atlantic Ocean.

Name the States that touch the Gulf of Mexico.

What two Southern States touch the Mississippi River?

Between what Ocean and Gulf is Florida?

Where is Cape Sable?





THE SEA SHORE. The waves of the ocean constantly roll against the soft, sandy beach, and form low sand hills which line the coast for many miles.

What is the Climate of the Southern States?

Very warm.

What are raised on the plantations of the Southern States?

Cotton, Corn, Sugar-cane, and Tobacco.

What State excels in the production of Sugar?

Louisiana.

What Presidents were born in Virginia?

Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Harrison, Taylor, and Tyler.





On the left of this picture you see the tall SUGAR-CANE growing ; in the front, COTTON ; and on the right, TOBACCO. The sugar-cane is cut and taken to the crushing-mill, where the juice is pressed out, and afterwards boiled,—the sugar settling to the bottom of the kettles, and the MOLASSES remaining at the top.

The leaves of the tobacco-plant are dried before they are ready for use. (See page 67.)

Cotton is a plant which is extensively cultivated in the Southern States. It is formed in a kind of nut-shell, which bursts, and the cotton appears. It is then picked from the covering, and taken to the mill, to be separated from the seeds contained inside. It is afterwards spun into threads, then woven into cloth. The soft, white substance which you have seen growing on the top of a thistle, resembles cotton on the plant.







How many Western States are there? *Seventeen.*

What three are furthest north?  
Minnesota, Michigan,  
and Wisconsin.

What four are on the west side  
of the Mississippi River?  
Minnesota, Iowa, Mis-  
souri, and Arkansas.

What three lie on the north side  
of the Ohio River?  
Ohio, Indiana, Illinois.

What two south of the Ohio?  
Kentucky and Tennes-  
see.

What Lake north of Michigan?  
Lake Superior.

What Lake east of Michigan?  
Lake Huron.

What Lake west of Michigan?  
Lake Michigan.

What Lake north of Ohio?  
Lake Erie.

# LESSON XLIV.

Into what River do nearly all  
the other Rivers of the  
Western States flow?

Which flow into the western side  
of the Mississippi?

Which into the eastern side?

In what State does the Missis-  
sippi rise?

What Rivers flow into the  
Ohio River?

What Western States do not ap-  
pear on this map? (See p. 31.)

What States border on Lake  
Superior? On Lake Michi-  
gan? On Lake Erie?

What River in Ohio? In Illinois?

What River between Indiana  
and Illinois?

What States south of Tennes-  
see?

What States east of Kentucky?

Which is the coldest, or most  
northern, of the Western  
States?

Which is the warmest?





Which is the largest section of the Union?

The Western States.

In what are the people chiefly engaged?

In Farming.

What are raised on their extensive farms and fields?

Corn, wheat, oats, rye, and fruit ; besides millions of horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs.

What States are noted for gold and silver?

California, Colorado, and Nevada.

Which are the most populous of the Western States?

Ohio and Illinois.

What State is noted for corn, wheat, and oats?

Illinois.



A FARMER CUTTING WHEAT,





This is a picture of an overflow of the Mississippi River. Look at your map of the United States, and observe that the greater part of our country is drained by that river; that is, the rain that falls in the States and Territories between the Alleghany and Rocky Mountains, runs into rivers which flow directly or indirectly into the Mississippi. This is caused by the land sloping downward from these two chains of mountains where the land is highest, to the Mississippi River where it is lowest.

To prevent inundations or freshets, which do great damage to houses, farms, and cattle, the people have raised banks, called LEVEES, along the river.







What natural division of land is  
South America?

A Peninsula.

What Division of the Earth is  
north of South America?

North America.

What Ocean east?

Atlantic Ocean.

What Ocean west?

Pacific Ocean.

What Sea north?

Caribbe'an Sea.

What Bay northwest?

Bay of Panama.

Which is the largest River in  
South America?

Amazon River.

How long is the Amazon?

Four thousand miles.

What River further north than  
the Amazon?

Grinoco River.

What Rivers in the southeast?

Parana and La Plata.

# LESSON XLVIII.

Into what Ocean do nearly all  
the Rivers of South America  
flow?

Which is the largest Country in  
South America?

Which are further north?

Which further south?

What great chain of Mountains  
in South America?

Near what Coast do they extend?

What Mountains in Brazil?

What precious stones are found  
there?

Between what two Oceans is  
South America?

Where is the Caribbe'an Sea?

What Countries border on that  
Sea?

What Countries border on the  
Atlantic?

Which on the Pacific?

Which is inland?

What Cape on the North?  
East? South?

What Strait north of Terra-del-  
Fuego?



## SOUTH AMERICA.

For what  
is South Amer-  
ica noted?

For the largest  
rivers and  
longest moun-  
tain-chain in  
the world.

What precious stones  
are found in Brazil?

Diamonds.

What has been ob-  
tained in Bolivia?

Silver in large  
quantities.

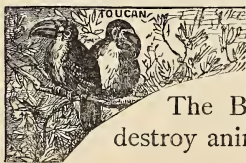
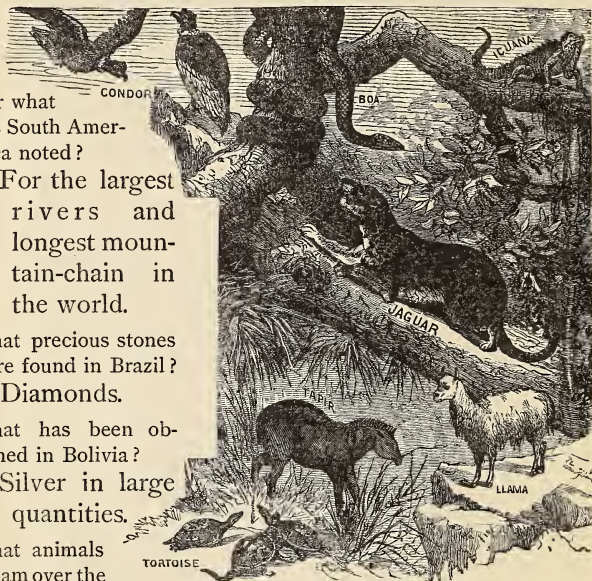
What animals  
roam over the  
vast grassy plains  
of South America?

Horses and

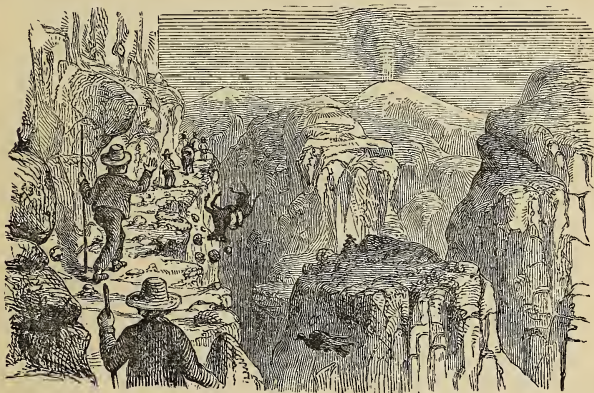
cattle in immense numbers.

What remarkable species of serpent in  
South America?

The Boa Constrictor, which is able to  
destroy animals as large as deer.







Here is a view of the Andes Mountains, which rise sixty times as high as the highest church steeple you ever saw ; they are so high that their tops are continually covered with snow. Some are volcanoes.

EARTHQUAKES sometimes occur, and destroy whole cities, killing many of the inhabitants. An earthquake is a violent shaking of a part of the Earth.

Travelers cross the Andes on the backs of mules, which are much safer than horses in such dangerous places. Indians, with chairs fastened on their backs, sometimes carry travelers over the mountains with safety.

Immense birds, called CONDORS, are found here, which often destroy sheep and cattle, tearing them with beak and claws.



# EUROPE

A R C T I C

O C E A N





What Ocean north of Europe?  
The Arctic Ocean.

What Ocean west of Europe?  
The Atlantic Ocean.

What Sea south of Europe?  
The Mediterranean Sea.

What is the Mediterranean Sea?  
The largest Sea in the world.

What Bay west of France?  
The Bay of Biscay.

Which is the largest Country in Europe?  
Russia.

Which is the smallest?  
Switzerland.

What two Countries touch Russia on the southwest?  
Austria and Turkey.

What Country south of Turkey?  
Greece.

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## LESSON LII.

What two Countries west of the North Sea?

What Country west of England?

What Country south of England?

What Country south of France?

What Country west of Spain?

Where are the Alps Mountains?

Where are the Pyrenees Mountains?

Where is the coldest part of Europe?

Where is the warmest part?

What two Oceans touch Europe?

What five large Seas do you find on the map of Europe?

What four Rivers?

What Strait connects the Mediterranean Sea with the Atlantic?

What Cape in the northern part of Europe?

What Sea east of Italy?

Where is the White Sea?

Mention all the Countries of Europe?





WILLIAM TELL, a heroic Swiss, in his efforts to obtain liberty for his country, was captured; and, for punishment, was cruelly ordered to shoot an apple placed on the head of his own little son. The arrow cut the apple in two, without injuring the child. This occurred more than 500 years ago.

What can you say of Europe?

It is the smallest Grand Division of the Earth.

Which are the most important divisions of Europe?

England, Germany. Russia, and France.

What are the inhabitants of Europe called?

Europeans.

What does the southern part of Europe produce extensively?

Grapes, Oranges, Lemons, Figs, and Olives.

What important School-law in Prussia and some other countries?

All the boys and girls are compelled to attend school regularly.





Here is a view in the northern part of Europe, which is noted for the great length of its winters, and of its winter nights and summer days.

For several weeks in winter, the people there do not see the sun; but for the same length of time in summer, the sun does not set.

The man you see in the picture is called a Laplander, because he lives in Lapland. Laplanders travel from place to place in sleds drawn by reindeer. The milk and flesh of these animals are used for food, and their skins for clothing. A Laplander's wealth is known by the number of reindeer he owns.

In the southern part of Europe the climate is mild and pleasant; oranges, lemons, figs, olives, grapes, and other fruits being raised in abundance.







## LESSON LV.

What Ocean north of Asia?

Arctic Ocean.

What Ocean east?

Pacific Ocean.

What Ocean south?

Indian Ocean.

What Grand Division west?

Europe.

What Grand Division southwest?

Africa.

What Sea and Bay south?

Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal.

What four Seas east?

Kamtschatka, Okhotsk, Japan,  
and Yellow.

What Sea southeast?

China Sea.

## LESSON LVI.

What Sea between Arabia and Africa?

Which is the largest Sea west of Asia?

What two Seas between Asia and Europe?

What Sea east of the Caspian Sea?

What large Country in the northern part of Asia?

To what Empire does Siberia belong?

What Empire south of Siberia?

What Country in the southeastern part of the Chinese Empire?

What Country west of Chinese Empire?

What two Countries of Asia furthest west?

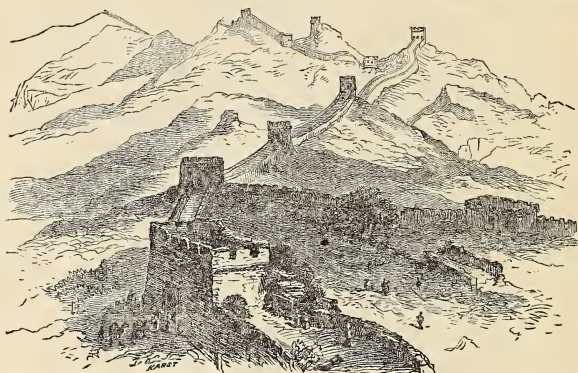
What Country between the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal?

What two Countries northwest of Hindoostan?

Between what two Countries is the Persian Gulf?

What Mountains between Chinese Empire and Siberia? Between Hindoostan and Thibet? Between Asia and Europe?





THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA was built more than two thousand years ago, to protect the Chinese from their enemies on the north. It extends over hills and plains, is about thirty feet high, and so broad that six horses can walk abreast on the top of it. Its length is 1,500 miles, or about the distance between Maine and Texas. It is strengthened by large square towers.

What can you say of Asia?

Asia is the largest and first inhabited Grand Division of the Earth.

Who were our first parents?

Adam and Eve, who lived in Asia.

Where was our Saviour born?

In the western part of Asia.

Of what does the Empire of Japan consist?

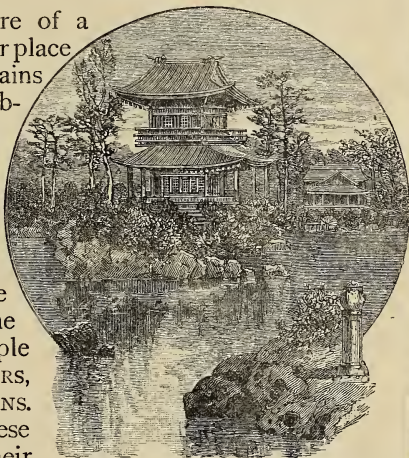
Of Islands, the largest of which is Hondo.

What articles come from Asia?

Furs from Siberia, Tea from China, and Coffee from Arabia and Java.



This is a picture of a HEATHEN TEMPLE or place of worship. It contains frightful looking objects, before which people fall on their knees and faces and pray. They are IDOLS, or false gods, which these people worship. They are made chiefly of stone or wood. Such people are called IDOLATERS, PAGANS, or HEATHENS. They believe these idols can hear their



prayers, and grant what they ask.

You will be surprised to learn that there are millions of idolaters. They live in Asia, Africa, and the islands of the Pacific Ocean.

Missionaries have been sent from the United States and Europe to teach these ignorant people about the TRUE GOD who says, in his commandments, "THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BUT ME."



CHINESE GATHERING TEA.







What Division of land is Africa ?

A Peninsula.

Between what two Oceans is Africa ?

Atlantic and Indian.

What Division of the Earth north of Africa ?

Europe.

What Sea north of Africa ?

Mediterranean Sea.

What Sea northeast of Africa ?

Red Sea.

What Division of the Earth ?

Asia.

What Isthmus between Africa and Asia ?

The Isthmus of Suez.

What Gulf west of Africa ?

Gulf of Guinea.

What large Island southeast of Africa ?

Madagascar.

What Cape in the south ?

Cape of Good Hope.

# LESSON LX.

Which are the largest Rivers in Africa ?

What Plain in the north ?

What Region south of the Great Desert ?

What Country west of Soudan ?

What Region east of Guinea ?

What Mountains in the eastern part of Africa.

What Lake in Soudan ?

What Cities in Africa ?

With what Ocean is the Mediterranean Sea connected ?

With what Ocean is the Red Sea connected ?

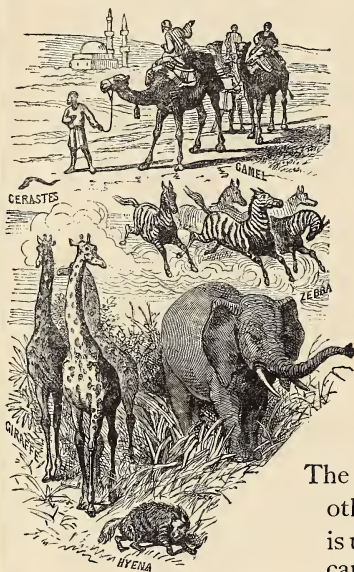
What three Countries of Africa touch the Red Sea ?

What large River flows through them into the Mediterranean Sea ?

What large River flows into the Gulf of Guinea ?

On which side of Africa is Guinea ?





What can you say of Africa ?

It is the hottest  
Grand Division of  
the Earth.

What animals in Africa ?

The Elephant, Lion,  
Leopard, Hyena,  
Zebra, and others.

What dangerous Reptiles in  
Africa ?

Crocodiles and Ser-  
pents.

What Trees abound in the  
forests ?

The Cocoa-nut, Date, and  
other Palm-trees. Palm-oil  
is used in making soap and  
candles.

What storms sometimes overtake Caravans in the Great Desert ?  
Storms of scorching sand, raised by the wind.



A SAND-STORM. Men and camels must lie on the ground till it is over.



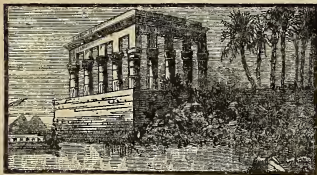
Africa is noted for its extreme heat, ferocious animals, and Great Desert.

The Great Desert is about 3,000 miles long, and 1,000 miles wide. It contains vast, sandy plains which are dry, hot, and barren, except in some green places, called OASES. People cross the desert in large companies, called CARAVANS, in order to defend themselves from robbers. Camels are used in crossing the desert.

Lions, elephants, and other wild animals are found in Africa as

well as in Asia.

Elephants are hunted for the ivory, of which their tusks are composed. Many have been tamed, and are very gentle.



RUINS AND PALM-TREES IN EGYPT.



COFFEE.



The Tea Plant grows to the height of five or six feet, and is cultivated in China and Japan. The leaves are gathered when green, and dried on heated pans. The color of green tea is due to a coloring matter that is dusted over it in the pans.

TEA.



The branches of the Coffee Tree are loaded with berries, which look like red cherries. Each berry contains two grains or seeds of a light green color, which resemble beans cut into halves. These are roasted and ground before the coffee is ready for use.

Coffee comes from Arabia, Java, South America, and the West Indies.



WHEAT.

Wheat, Rye and Oats grow on the top of the plants or stalks. When ripe they are cut something like grass; then the grain is removed from the husk, by being thrashed or beaten. The stems or stalks we call *straw*. Wheat is ground into flour, oats into oatmeal.



OATS.



INDIAN CORN.



**Indian Corn**, or **Maize**, grows upon a stalk higher and thicker than that of the other grains. It is found in ears on the plant. When ripe and dry, the grain is ground into *Indian*, or *corn meal*.

The **Tobacco Plant**, when fully grown, is cut, and hung up to dry. From the leaves are made smoking and chewing

TOBACCO.



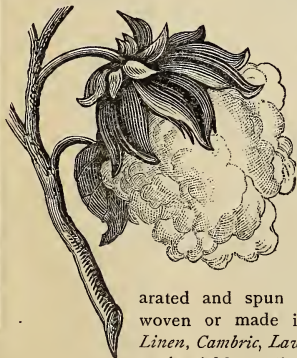
tobacco, cigars, and snuff. Tobacco was first used in America.

The **Cotton Plant** is extensively cultivated in our warm Southern States. It grows from seeds sown in the spring. In the autumn the soft, white substance called cotton is taken from the pod or shell and separated

from the seeds inside. It is then ready to be spun into threads, and woven into muslin, etc.

**Flax** is a plant which has a slender stalk, and grows to the height of two or three feet. The skin or bark consists of fine fibers that may be separated and spun into thread, then woven or made into cloth, called

*Linen*, *Cambric*, *Lawn*, *Lace*, &c. The seeds yield an oil called *Linseed Oil*.



COTTON.



FLAX.



## COUNTRIES.

*Where situated? Bound them.*

United States?	Brazil?
Greenland?	Spain?
Russia?	Siberia?
China?	Mexico?
England?	Persia?
Venezuela?	Central America?
Hindoostan?	German Empire?
Arabia?	Scotland?
Turkestan?	Ireland?
Austria?	Turkey?
France?	Argentine Republic?
British America?	Italy?
	Egypt?

## MOUNTAINS.

*Where are they situated?*

Rocky?	Blue Ridge?
Himalaya?	White?
Andes?	Altai?
Alleghany?	Pyrenees?
Sierra Nevada?	Ural?

## CAPES.

*Where are they? Into what waters do they project?*

Cod?	Farewell?
Good Hope?	Horn?
Hatteras?	St. Roque?

## ISLANDS.

*Where are they? By what waters are they surrounded?*

Greenland?	Iceland?
Australia?	Madagascar?
West Indies?	Japan Is.?
Cuba?	Sicily?
Terra del Fuego?	

## SEAS, GULFS AND BAYS.

*Where are they? Into what waters do they open?*

Mediterranean S.?	G. of Guinea?
G. of Mexico?	B. of Panama?
Arabian S.?	G. of California?
Hudson B.?	Yellow S.?
Black S.?	S. of Kamtschatka?
China S.?	Baffin B.?
B. of Biscay?	Delaware B.?
S. of Japan?	G. of St. Lawrence?
White S.?	Baltic S.?

## STRAITS.

*Between what lands are they? What waters do they connect?*

Davis'?	Hudson?
Magellan?	Behring?
Florida?	Gibraltar?

## RIVERS.

*Where do they rise? What courses do they take? Into what waters do they flow?*

Amazon?	Mississippi?
Nile?	Delaware?
Missouri?	Rio Grande?
Susquehanna?	Ohio?
Genesee?	Hudson?
Mackenzie?	Savannah?
St. Lawrence?	La Plata?
Potomac?	Columbia?
Kennebec?	Tennessee?
Niger?	Cumberland?
Orinoco?	Danube?
Connecticut?	Arkansas?

## LAKES.

*Where are they? What are their outlets?*

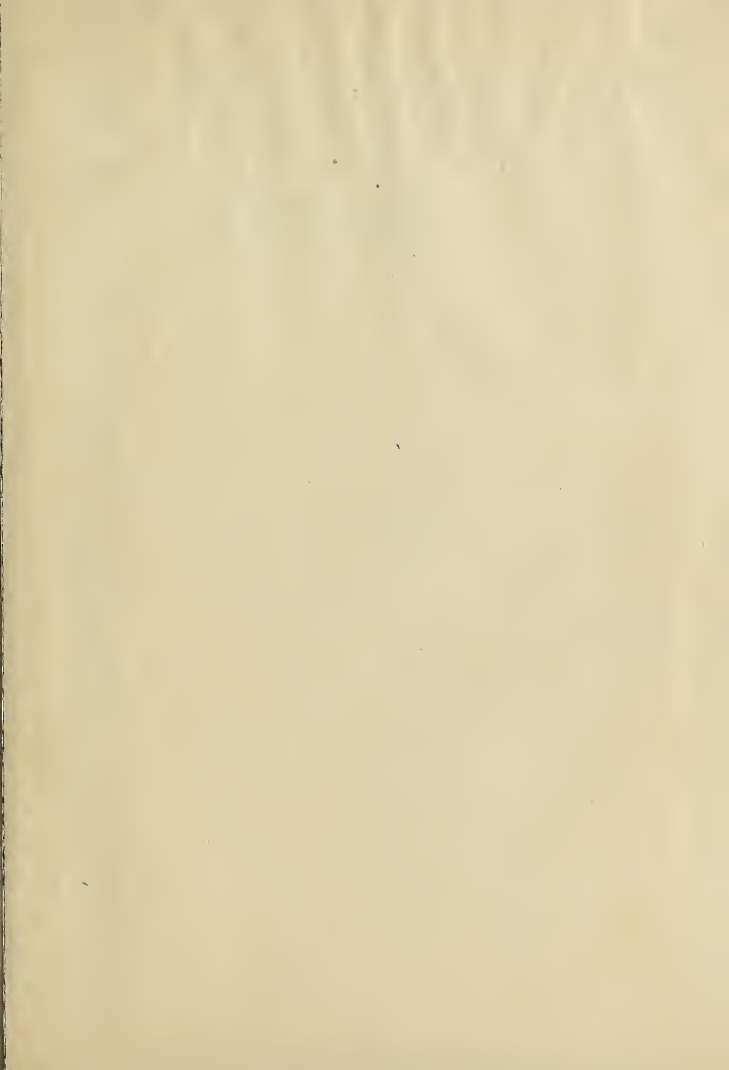
Superior?	Huron?
Great Bear?	Champlain?
Great Salt?	Maravi?
Ontario?	Michigan?
Great Slave?	Erie?

## CITIES.

*In what Countries or States are they? On or near what waters?*

London?	Rio Janeiro?
New York?	St. Louis?
Constantinople?	Galveston?
Mexico?	St. Paul?
Lima?	Atlanta?
Lisbon?	Montpelier?
Boston?	Harrisburg?
Washington?	Havana?
Paris?	Cincinnati?
Buffalo?	Charleston?
Montgomery?	Nashville?
Madrid?	San Francisco?
Dublin?	New Haven?
Albany?	Calcutta?
St. Petersburg?	Jefferson City?
Montreal?	Annapolis?
New Orleans?	Trenton?
Philadelphia?	Santa Fe?
Cairo?	Tallahassee?
Richmond?	Pittsburg?











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